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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Cherilyn Vivian Nelson** (NA60256529), who provided care in a client's home. After determining that Nelson financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the state Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Clark County

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Debra A. Fisher** (NA00157096) for at least 10 years. Fisher admitted taking money from the adult family home where she worked and a resident of the home for her own use.

In April 2015 the secretary of health entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant **Nicholas Allen Thomas** (NA60247133) that suspends his credential for at least two years. Thomas deposited only \$100 of a client's \$132 check, stealing \$32.

Cowlitz County

In May 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the agency affiliated counselor credential of **Raymond James Sellek III** (CG60179291). He worked at a community mental health agency. He advised a client to use medical marijuana, gave the client two capsules of marijuana oil he'd prepared from plants he grew, and gave the client the names and telephone numbers of marijuana providers.

Grays Harbor County

In April 2015 the Osteopathic Board entered an agreement with osteopathic physician **David Charles Jester** (OP00000936) in which he surrenders his credential. He also agreed not to resume practicing in Washington. Jester engaged in sexual contact with a patient.

King County

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Heather E. Lanning** (RN60068170) that suspends her credential. Lanning didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In May 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Stacey James Swensen** (NC60330873). He grew upset with a patient, yelled at and belittled the patient, and refused to give the patient his breakfast or medications. He also yelled and swore at the patient's apartment manager and case manager, slapped the apartment manager's arms down, and tried to push her out of the apartment. Swensen was arrested in connection with misdemeanor assault. He admitted being under the influence of alcohol.

In May 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Bryan A. Pierard** (NA00119352). The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found Pierard financially exploited a vulnerable adult. DSHS will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Lewis County

In April 2015 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Cindy M. Kell** (NC60193789). While working at a nursing home, Kell photographed a dementia patient who was sitting on a toilet with her pants down. Kell then showed the photograph to a co-worker.

Pierce County

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse credential of **Erich Arlt** (RN00137850), who didn't report seven criminal convictions to the commission.

In April 2015 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **LaToya Sheneall Williams** (NC60314711) for at least five years. Williams worked at a skilled nursing facility. She forged a resident's check for \$708.64 and deposited the money in her own checking account.

In May 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Marlina S. Hardy** (RN00148387) for at least three years. Hardy had durable power of attorney for an elderly married couple who were in declining health. She forged at least four checks on their account totaling \$4,825. Her boyfriend forged checks on the account totaling more than \$50,000. Hardy allowed him to have access to the checkbook and she diverted more than \$70,000 from a separate credit union account. She was criminally charged with two counts of first-degree identity theft, two counts of first-degree theft, one count of second-degree identity theft, and one count of second-degree theft.

Skagit County

In May 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Lindsay G. Dingeman** under which she agreed to cease and desist from practicing as a dental assistant without a license, and to pay a \$500 fine. Dingeman practiced as a dental assistant without a license. She's since received a license.

Snohomish County

In May 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Maria Jennelle Greene** (CO60463989). She didn't comply with a requirement to abide by a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Spokane County

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **James Michael Thompson** (NA60431377) with unprofessional conduct. In May 2015 the program immediately suspended his credential. Thompson shoved and yelled at a vulnerable adult client, held down the client's arms in an attempt to inappropriately restrain him, and tore the client's shirt in retaliation after the client tore his shirt. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Thompson abused a vulnerable adult and will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In April 2015 the Medical Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certified medical assistant credential of **Scott W. Chester** (CM60377189), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Whatcom County

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Kelvin Kawa Kollie** (NC60116365) that suspends his credential for at least a year.

Kollie worked at a senior living facility where he used his telephone to take videos of nine dementia patients. The patients didn't give their permission. In several of the videos the residents are naked. One video shows another caregiver taunting a patient until the patient asks for help.

Yakima County

In April 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Xue Mei Dilley** in which Dilley agrees to cease and desist from the practice of massage. Dilley must pay a \$1,000 fine. Dilley doesn't have a massage practitioner license. A sign at Dilley's workplace advertised massage, and Dilley offered to provide massage treatment for \$60.

In May 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Jon Silverstein** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Silverstein has no massage practitioner credential. He owns a business that advertises massage, and an employee with no license provided massages.

Out of State

California: In April 2015 **Tao Wang** entered an agreement with the Unlicensed Practice Program to cease and desist from the practice of massage. A sign at Wang's workplace advertised massage. Wang, who doesn't have a massage practitioner license, offered to provide massage services for \$60. Wang must pay a \$250 fine.

California: In April 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Kyo Chin Oh** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and to pay a \$1,000 fine. Oh doesn't have a massage practitioner license, but provided a massage to a client.

Oregon: In May 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Samantha Dawn Sample** (LP60500372), whose Oregon license was revoked when she didn't participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Pennsylvania: In May 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Aaron Robert Holloman** (RN00124895) with unprofessional conduct and then immediately suspended his credential. Holloman's Arizona credential was revoked and he surrendered his California license.

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